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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING TO HVAC DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002, Applicants' wish to amend the subject patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 5, 15 and 16

Please add claims 17 and 18

Please amend claims 1, 6, 12-14 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A system for remotely monitoring and controlling at least one HVAC device comprising:

a server with bi-directional communications access to an entry device and at least one HVAC device and containing stored information relating to the status of said at least one HVAC device and further containing stored information that includes a password and a user name that are associated with said at least one HVAC device which must be properly identified before stored status information can be accessed by the entry device;

querying means in said server for querying said at least one HVAC device for status information for storage in said server; and

means for sending said status information to said entry device when the message from said entry device includes a recognized password and user name associated with said at least one HVAC device.

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